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## 'Telling Tales: The Tutankhamun Excavations, Facts and Fictions'

- Date:** Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 1.30 pm  
The lecture lasts approximately 2 hours including a break.
- Speaker:** Dr Eleanor Dobson: University of Birmingham
- Location:** Lecture Theatre, Chesterfield Central Library New Beetwell Street, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1QN
- Admission:** £4 Day-Visitor cost on the door, no membership required.
- Requirements:** No previous knowledge required, our group is aimed at everyone with a love of ancient Egypt.
- Topic:** 'Telling Tales: The Tutankhamun Excavations, Facts and Fictions'

The discovery of the tomb of the pharaoh Tutankhamun in 1922 is one of the best-known archaeological narratives of our age.

The uncovering of the pharaoh's final resting place with its wealth of gilded artefacts was cause for much celebration both in Egypt and abroad. But within weeks of the king's burial chamber being opened, the man who financed the dig, the fifth Earl of Carnarvon, was dead. Around the world and fuelled by tales of vengeful spirits in the press, people asked: was Carnarvon the victim of the mummy's curse?

Eleanor Dobson examines the supernatural rumours that many archaeologists attempted to suppress, comparing the 'official' accounts of the dig with the lead excavator Howard Carter's notebooks and diaries.

What emerges is a picture of Egyptology's conflicted status in the early twentieth century as, on the one hand, the field that claimed to piece together the truth about the past, and, on the other, a discipline inseparable from stories - however farfetched - about the place of the dead in the modern world.

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